

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Major General Jeffrey J. Schloesser, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) – Combined Joint Task Force – 76, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and honored to recognize this country's military leaders who have dedicated their careers and their lives to protecting the freedoms which Americans hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Major General Jeffrey J. Schloesser, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) – Combined Joint Task Force – 76, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, is one such noteworthy individual who has served with honor and valor as a leader of soldiers through times of combat and of peace; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2009, Major General Schloesser will participate in the time-honored Honor Eagle ceremony; and

WHEREAS, having an extensive educational background, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas and his Master of Science degree in Area Studies from Georgetown University; he also holds a Senior Service College Fellowship from Harvard University and is fluent in French and Modern Arabic; and

WHEREAS, furthering his military education, he attended Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the United States Army and Command and General Staff College; and

WHEREAS, from his commission as a 2d Lieutenant in 1977, and throughout his distinguished career, Major General Schloesser has served with acumen and alacrity, earning the respect, loyalty, and admiration of his men, officers, and commanders for his dedicated and esteemed military record; and

WHEREAS, evincing the utmost professionalism and the greatest integrity throughout his distinguished military career, Major General Schloesser has held numerous commands and joint assignments, including, among others, Commander, 2d Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti; Senior Service Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Commander, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Commander, 12th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, United States Army Europe, Germany, and Operation Allied Force, Albania, and Operation Joint Guard II, Kosovo; Chief, Office of Military Cooperation, Kuwait, United States Central Command, Kuwait; Chief, War on Terrorism Strategic Planning Cell, J-5, the Joint Staff, Washington, DC; Assistant Division Commander (Support), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; Director, Army Aviation Task Force, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, G5, G7, United States Army, Washington, DC; Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Directorate of Strategic Operational Planning, Washington, DC; and Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in his most recent assignment, Major General Schloesser has dedicated his leadership abilities and singular skills to his duty as Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) – Combined Joint Task Force – 76, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Major General Schloesser has earned a number of distinctions and decorations throughout his career, including, among others, the Defense Superior Service Medal (OLC), the Legion of Merit (OLC), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal (OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (OLC), the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Senior Army Aviator Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career as a soldier and officer, Major General Jeffrey J. Schloesser has served with the utmost dignity and with dedication to the highest tenets of honor

and, as a decorated member of the United States Army, is wholly deserving of the recognition and respect of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and applaud Major General Jeffrey J. Schloesser, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) – Combined Joint Task Force – 76, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, for his many years of dedicated service to this country and congratulate him on the occasion of his Honor Eagle ceremony, extending our best wishes for continued success in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.